

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	)	
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<b>N. Scot Hull</b>	)	Group Art Unit: TBA
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Serial No.: TBD	)	Examiner: TBA
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Filed: February 19, 2004	)	Atty. Docket No.: 005127.00285
	)	
For: FOOTWEAR AND OTHER FOOT-	)	
RECEIVING DEVICES INCLUDING A	)	
REMOVABLE CLOSURE SYSTEM	)	
COVER MEMBER	)	

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97, 1.98 enclosed is a PTO Form-1449 listing documents for consideration by the Examiner and a copy of the identified documents. Applicant requests that the Examiner return the initialed PTO Form 1449 with the initial Office Action.

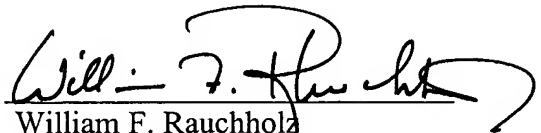
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certification or fee is required. However, if a fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 19, 2004

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